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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODESTLY

The State's actual civilian labor force total was virtually unchanged between August and September, as a moderate increase in unemployment was balanced by a similar decline in employment. At mid-September, employment totaled 7,604,800, and there were 470,000 unemployed. The actual unemployment rate crept upward from 5.6 percent in August to 5.8 percent in September. The increase among the jobless occurred as parents entered the labor force to seek work after having remained at home during the summer to care for children.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas unemployment rate slid downward slightly, from 5.7 percent in August to 5.6 percent in September. Both series showed over-the-year declines in unemployment which reflected the resurgence of the Texas economy. The actual State unemployment rate in September 1983 was 8.6 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate stood at 8.4 percent a year ago.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,843.0	115,076.0	112,196.0
Unemployment	8,051.0	8,382.0	9,830.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.3	8.8
Total Employment	105,792.0	106,694.0	102,366.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,699.0	113,495.0	112,229.0
Unemployment	8,460.0	8,526.0	10,353.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	9.2
Total Employment	105,239.0	104,969.0	101,876.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,074.8	8,072.2	7,720.2
Unemployment	470.0	450.2	662.3
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.6	8.6
Total Employment	7,604.8	7,622.0	7,057.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,058.0	8,036.0	7,715.0
Unemployment	450.0	455.0	648.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	8.4
Total Employment	7,608.0	7,581.0	7,067.0

The U. S. unemployment rate also changed very little over the month, with the actual rate decreasing from 7.3 percent to 7.1 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate almost unchanged from 7.5 in August to 7.4 in September. The Nation's rates had also dropped significantly over the year, from the September 1983 actual rate of 8.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate of 9.2 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

The September count of salaried nonfarm jobs reflected its largest over-the-month increase since April, as 24,200 jobs were added. A large percentage of the advance, however, was seasonal in nature, as staffing was completed for schools. Aside from these sizeable increases, the largest number of jobs was created by the manufacturing sector, where 6,100 additions were reported in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,800	57,200	58,300	79,900	79.100	78,600	305,300	295,900	285,800
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,700	9,600	9,600	36,400	36,100	33,700
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,000	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,000	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,600	6,700	6,600	8,100	8,100	8,100
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,000	24,200	24,400	23,300	68,700	68,300	64,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,300	19,400	19,300	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,500	13,500	14,700	14,800	14,700	62,300	61,600	58,000
Government	9,700	9,000	9,500	14,200	13,100	13,900	88,400	80,600	85,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,000	141,200	140,300	62,900	62,300	63,200	47,500	45,300	45,700
Manufacturing	31,000	31,600	31,800	10,800	11,000	11,000	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining —	2,700	2,700	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,300	9,800	3,300	3,200	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,900	11,900	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,800	1,900	1,700
Trade	34,000	34,300	32,900	17,300	17,300	17,400	10,500	10,200	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	26,800	27,300	26,100	11,200	11,300	11,000	6,900	6,800	6,500
Government	19,800	18,500	19,700	13,900	13,000	13,900	18,700	16,900	18,300
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,500	129,300	128,100	1673.4	1658.3	1602.9	168,200	166,600	164,300
Manufacturing	14,800	14,800	14,400	323.2	318.7	309.2	38,700	38,800	36,600
Mining	7,600	7,400	7,200	28.1	28.2	28.6	--	--	--
Construction	9,500	9,700	9,700	104.8	105.4	98.9	9,300	9,500	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,400	100.9	101.0	97.3	9,600	9,800	9,800
Trade	33,200	33,000	32,100	447.6	447.5	431.9	41,100	40,900	39,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,700	6,700	6,600	139.2	139.8	129.5	7,900	8,100	7,700
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,200	24,200	339.9	339.6	320.8	28,000	28,100	28,000
Government	27,200	26,100	26,500	189.7	178.1	186.7	33,600	31,400	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,600	68,000	68,400	1528.1	1521.8	1499.8	63,500	64,100	60,900
Manufacturing	9,900	10,000	10,500	198.9	199.1	198.9	8,700	9,000	8,400
Mining	800	800	700	100.1	100.6	97.2	--	--	--
Construction	4,400	4,500	4,300	125.9	126.8	137.9	4,000	4,100	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	5,800	6,200	107.6	107.3	105.5	3,100	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,600	12,700	373.5	372.2	361.4	15,300	15,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	110.6	111.0	105.4	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,500	10,700	333.5	332.1	314.9	11,500	11,400	11,200
Government	21,400	18,300	18,800	178.0	172.7	178.6	18,300	18,400	17,900

2/ In Thousands

Almost all of the growth in manufacturing was contributed by the durable goods sector. Some 2,400 jobs were gained in transportation equipment over the month, due in part to workers returning following settlement of a labor-management dispute in aircraft and parts. Increased drilling activity during the past few months generated a substantial number of hires in the oil field machinery portion of non-electrical machinery. Several large employers in fabricated metal products recalled workers over the month, pushing employment up primarily in the fabricated structural metal products division.

Electric and electronic equipment recorded its smallest growth in several months in September, despite the recalls of some workers by major employers. Increased orders brought moderate employment advances in lumber and wood products, while smaller gains were recorded in furniture and fixtures. Minimal growth was reported in instruments and related products, in stone, clay and glass products, and in miscellaneous manufacturing industries. A very small decrease occurred in primary metal products.

Nondurable goods recorded an overall increase of only 200 in September, as a sizeable increase in one sector was offset by scattered losses elsewhere. Food and

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Industry	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,300	30,500	29,500	67,500	67,200	67,900	91,800	90,000	91,800
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	1,700	14,800	14,800	14,800	9,300	9,300	11,100
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,400	4,700	4,800	4,900	4,200	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trade	9,200	9,200	8,900	17,300	17,200	17,200	26,900	27,000	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,700	11,000	11,200	11,200	19,600	19,200	18,800
Government	7,300	7,300	7,100	8,600	8,100	8,300	21,200	19,700	21,000
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,100	76,000	76,100	59,500	57,600	51,700	60,100	60,400	55,500
Manufacturing	9,800	9,800	9,600	4,100	3,800	3,600	5,800	5,800	6,000
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,600	13,100	12,100	8,800	8,700	8,900
Construction	5,000	5,100	5,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,500	4,700	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,900	3,100	3,000
Trade	23,700	24,100	23,300	14,100	14,100	12,100	18,800	18,700	15,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,600	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,100	10,600	10,200	8,500	9,500	9,500	8,200
Government	19,700	18,100	19,700	6,400	5,700	5,300	7,500	7,500	7,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,300	37,400	37,300	460,800	455,900	440,000	35,200	35,100	34,400
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	51,700	51,400	49,500	12,000	12,000	11,300
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,600	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,400	32,800	33,400	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,700	3,800	18,800	19,000	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,000	120,800	120,500	112,900	7,300	7,200	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est..	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,500	33,500	31,600	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,500	7,400	100,200	100,000	94,900	6,100	6,200	6,400
Government	6,800	6,200	6,600	99,300	94,500	98,100	4,900	4,800	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,200	47,700	46,300	58,700	58,200	57,400	28,400	28,300	28,500
Manufacturing	9,200	9,500	8,600	12,500	12,300	11,800	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,400	2,600
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,500	2,400	2,600	2,400	2,500	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,100	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,400	1,500
Trade	11,200	11,100	10,900	14,800	14,900	14,500	7,700	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,300	11,800	11,800	11,500	5,600	5,600	5,400
Government	13,100	12,400	12,600	8,100	7,800	8,000	4,200	3,900	4,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,300	76,800	75,000	53,900	53,300	53,000			
Manufacturing	16,200	16,600	15,900	9,700	9,900	9,000			
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,300	4,400	3,900	2,000	2,000	2,100			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,300	19,800	18,700	13,500	13,600	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,500	2,400	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	17,800	17,000	17,100	9,400	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,600	10,900	11,700	10,700	10,000	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.
3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

kindred products was the only nondurable industry to post an increase of more than 100 jobs over the month. This industry registered 1,700 additions, with growth spread throughout its sectors. Workers in apparel and other textile products were laid off in fairly large numbers following the rush to complete back-to-school apparel. Smaller losses occurred in chemicals and allied products, paper and allied products, and in other nondurable goods. Other nondurable sectors remained relatively unchanged over the month.

Gains and losses were also intermixed in nonmanufacturing in September. The largest advance was posted by government, as faculty and support staffing was completed for the fall semester at local and state schools and colleges. The federal segment registered a drop in employment over the month. The same seasonal influences that affected government were apparent in services, with the only major upturn recorded in educational services. The change of seasons brought some downturns in other portions of services, as amusement, including motion pictures, and the membership organizations portion of other services both lost jobs as summer activities came to

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Industry	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Change From Aug. 1984	Change From Sep. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,367,000	6,342,800	6,209,500	24,200	157,500
Manufacturing	998,500	992,400	963,800	6,100	34,700
Durable Goods	580,000	574,100	550,200	5,900	29,800
Lumber & Wood Products	42,200	41,700	41,500	500	700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	18,000	17,700	17,100	300	900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,900	48,800	47,100	100	1,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,100	23,000	21,700	100	1,400
Primary Metal Industries	36,000	36,100	33,600	-100	2,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,900	82,100	80,700	800	2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,200	44,700	44,500	500	700
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,400	136,200	128,500	1,200	8,900
Oil Field Machinery	45,500	44,700	40,800	800	4,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	105,400	104,900	95,800	500	9,600
Transportation Equipment	74,100	71,700	71,600	2,400	2,500
Aircraft & Parts	37,600	35,000	37,400	2,600	200
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	22,900	22,300	100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,100	12,000	12,000	100	100
Nondurable Goods	418,500	418,300	413,600	200	4,900
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	97,400	95,600	1,700	3,500
Meat Products	25,100	25,000	25,000	100	100
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,600	12,500	10,800	100	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,800	61,900	61,300	-1,100	-500
Paper & Allied Products	22,200	22,300	21,600	-100	600
Printing & Publishing	72,000	72,000	69,200	0	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,800	34,900	-200	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,500	77,400	-200	-1,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,500	43,900	0	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,300	40,800	0	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,500	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,300	-100	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,368,500	5,350,400	5,245,700	18,100	122,800
Mining	271,900	273,100	258,100	-1,200	13,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,900	263,100	248,400	-1,200	13,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,000	10,000	9,700	0	300
Construction	403,400	409,200	425,300	-5,800	-21,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,700	385,200	373,600	-500	11,100
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,400	24,600	100	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,900	184,700	175,300	200	9,600
Transportation by Air	35,400	35,300	37,100	100	-1,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,500	95,100	-200	1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,000	78,600	78,600	-600	-600
Electric Services	43,700	44,000	43,900	-300	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,900	29,300	29,600	-400	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,605,300	1,602,300	1,566,600	3,000	38,700
Wholesale Trade	444,600	443,900	434,200	700	10,400
Retail Trade	1,160,700	1,158,400	1,132,400	2,300	28,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,900	55,100	52,600	-200	2,300
General Merchandise Stores	147,200	145,800	145,600	1,400	1,600
Food Stores	211,700	210,000	203,400	1,700	8,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,100	135,000	130,900	-900	3,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,800	78,100	76,900	-300	900
Other Retail Trade	535,000	534,400	523,000	600	12,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	405,700	406,100	395,300	-400	10,400
Banking	104,200	104,300	102,700	-100	1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,300	124,800	122,700	-500	1,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,200	177,000	169,900	200	7,300
Services	1,235,000	1,229,300	1,192,200	5,700	42,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,500	78,200	76,300	-700	1,200
Personal Services	74,600	74,400	71,800	200	2,800
Business & Repair Services	332,300	332,300	312,400	0	19,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,700	55,900	50,600	-2,200	3,100
Health Services	344,600	345,800	339,700	-1,200	4,900
Educational Services	64,700	53,800	62,100	10,900	2,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,600	288,900	279,300	-1,300	8,300
Total Government	1,062,500	1,045,200	1,034,600	17,300	27,900
Total Federal Government	181,700	183,200	176,300	-1,500	5,400
Total State Government	220,200	214,500	214,400	5,700	5,800
Total Local Government	660,600	647,500	643,900	13,100	16,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep. '84*	Aug. '84**	Sep. '83**	Sep. '84*	Aug. '84**	Sep. '83**	Sep. '84*	Aug. '84**	Sep. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,900	79,100	77,800	104,100	104,500	99,400	361,500	354,700	327,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,500	4,700	4,400	5,500	12,300	11,900	15,300
Percent Unemployed	3.9	3.9	5.8	4.5	4.2	5.5	3.4	3.4	4.7
Total Employment 2/	75,800	76,000	73,300	99,400	100,100	93,900	349,200	342,800	312,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,100	183,100	182,100	94,300	94,700	93,800	58,800	57,200	55,400
Total Unemployment	19,400	18,800	27,500	12,600	12,000	15,300	2,100	2,100	2,800
Percent Unemployed	10.7	10.3	15.1	13.4	12.7	16.3	3.6	3.7	5.1
Total Employment 2/	162,700	164,300	154,600	81,700	82,700	78,500	56,700	55,100	52,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,000	170,500	169,100	1,956.0	1,953.7	1,824.6	206,800	204,700	199,500
Total Unemployment	13,600	13,400	21,700	74.6	68.9	99.9	20,800	20,000	25,300
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.9	12.8	3.8	3.5	5.5	10.1	9.8	12.7
Total Employment 2/	156,400	157,100	147,400	1,881.4	1,884.8	1,724.7	186,000	184,700	174,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,700	94,100	92,900	1,817.9	1,824.2	1,772.7	79,200	80,200	74,300
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,600	12,200	115.7	112.2	180.5	4,200	4,000	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.1	13.1	6.4	6.2	10.2	5.3	5.0	7.3
Total Employment 2/	86,900	85,500	80,700	1,702.2	1,712.0	1,592.2	75,000	76,200	68,900
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	38,800	39,400	41,000	81,100	81,600	81,900	116,900	115,600	115,100
Total Unemployment	6,000	6,000	10,700	6,300	6,100	10,100	5,800	5,700	8,300
Percent Unemployed	15.5	15.2	26.1	7.8	7.5	12.3	5.0	4.9	7.2
Total Employment 2/	32,800	33,400	30,300	74,800	75,500	71,800	111,100	109,900	106,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,900	117,500	119,300	76,600	75,800	66,200	79,600	80,200	74,200
Total Unemployment	25,800	23,300	29,200	2,700	2,700	4,300	3,500	3,400	7,200
Percent Unemployed	21.5	19.8	24.5	3.5	3.6	6.5	4.4	4.2	9.7
Total Employment 2/	94,100	94,200	90,100	73,900	73,100	61,900	76,100	76,800	67,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,200	52,300	50,000	547,300	546,800	509,600	41,800	42,100	40,500
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,800	27,200	25,900	34,200	2,100	1,900	3,100
Percent Unemployed	4.3	3.8	5.6	5.0	4.7	6.7	5.0	4.5	7.7
Total Employment 2/	50,900	50,300	47,200	520,100	520,900	475,400	39,700	40,200	37,400
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,900	52,300	80,500	81,000	77,400	38,300	38,400	38,800
Total Unemployment	4,200	4,100	5,100	3,600	3,900	5,100	2,100	2,000	4,200
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.5	9.8	4.5	4.8	6.6	5.5	5.2	10.8
Total Employment 2/	50,600	50,800	47,200	76,900	77,100	72,300	36,200	36,400	34,600
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	97,600	96,900	91,000	71,300	70,800	68,300	8,074.8	8,072.2	7,720.2
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,000	5,000	3,600	3,100	4,700	470.0	450.2	662.3
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.1	5.5	5.0	4.4	6.9	5.8	5.6	8.6
Total Employment 2/	93,100	92,900	86,000	67,700	67,700	63,600	7,604.8	7,622.0	7,057.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

JOB INJURY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Earlier this year, Governor Mark White created, by Executive Order, a Job Injury Interagency Council and Advisory Committee (JIICAC). The heads of eight state agencies sit on the council -- TRC, TDH, TEC, TDA, AG, SBI, DLS, and IAB. Representatives on the Advisory Committee are top leaders from business, labor, insurance, trial lawyers, agriculture, safety associations, rehabilitation, and federal agencies. In addition, the Lt. Governor and Speaker have a representative. The Council and Committee are charged with determining the role of the State in preventing work-related injuries.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	384.22	381.22	375.36	41.9	41.8	41.8	9.17	9.12	8.98
Durable Goods	377.87	376.68	364.73	41.8	41.9	41.4	9.04	8.99	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	260.82	258.46	249.56	40.5	39.4	39.3	6.44	6.56	6.35
Furniture & Fixtures	231.86	236.79	234.37	39.1	39.4	40.2	5.93	6.01	5.83
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	374.97	375.37	366.80	43.5	43.8	44.3	8.62	8.57	8.28
Primary Metal Industries	400.77	401.79	397.02	40.4	40.3	39.0	9.92	9.97	10.18
Fabricated Metal Products	356.04	352.73	360.93	41.4	41.4	40.6	8.60	8.52	8.89
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.18	394.68	359.42	42.6	42.9	41.6	9.30	9.20	8.64
Oil Field Machinery	490.49	475.84	427.44	45.5	44.1	41.1	10.78	10.79	10.40
Electric & Electronic Equip.	405.23	413.10	386.55	42.3	42.5	42.2	9.58	9.72	9.16
Transportation Equipment	509.72	499.16	482.47	42.3	42.7	41.7	12.05	11.69	11.57
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	296.81	305.32	335.37	38.9	39.6	41.2	7.63	7.71	8.14
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	279.07	270.80	307.86	41.1	40.0	42.0	6.79	6.77	7.33
Nondurable Goods	394.57	387.39	388.74	42.2	41.7	42.3	9.35	9.29	9.19
Food & Kindred Products	349.55	340.34	345.20	44.7	43.3	44.6	7.82	7.86	7.74
Meat Products	299.73	284.00	312.99	45.9	44.1	45.1	6.53	6.44	6.94
Malt Beverages	742.21	794.61	661.23	46.1	48.6	44.2	16.10	16.35	14.96
Textile Mill Products	270.66	269.21	266.02	40.7	41.1	41.5	6.65	6.55	6.41
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.88	190.73	189.91	37.7	38.3	38.6	5.01	4.98	4.92
Paper & Allied Products	449.91	436.48	426.65	45.4	44.0	45.1	9.91	9.92	9.46
Printing & Publishing	356.06	355.88	342.59	40.6	41.0	40.4	8.77	8.68	8.48
Chemicals & Allied Products	614.54	596.99	591.82	43.4	42.4	42.7	14.16	14.08	13.86
Petroleum & Coal Products	620.92	619.67	640.77	43.3	43.7	44.1	14.34	14.18	14.53
Petroleum Refining	638.85	637.29	654.44	43.4	43.8	44.1	14.72	14.55	14.84
Leather & Leather Products	208.87	202.48	208.18	37.1	35.9	40.9	5.63	5.64	5.09
Other Nondurable Goods	371.94	362.95	361.18	42.9	42.5	43.1	8.67	8.54	8.38
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.42	480.76	478.98	46.7	45.7	46.1	10.63	10.52	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	499.22	482.45	483.59	46.7	45.6	46.1	10.69	10.58	10.49
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	433.30	430.97	377.10	47.2	47.1	46.1	9.18	9.15	8.18
Comm., exc. U. S. Postal Service	446.72	446.42	427.87	40.5	40.4	40.1	11.03	11.05	10.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	438.69	436.71	425.52	40.1	40.7	41.8	10.94	10.73	10.18
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.02	239.07	231.53	34.5	34.9	34.3	6.87	6.85	6.75
Wholesale Trade	368.00	364.40	356.00	40.0	40.0	40.0	9.20	9.11	8.90
Retail Trade	190.45	194.96	187.02	32.5	33.1	32.3	5.86	5.89	5.79
General Merchandise Stores	164.01	155.18	168.37	31.3	29.9	29.8	5.24	5.19	5.65
Banking	266.85	257.01	245.63	39.3	39.0	38.5	6.79	6.59	6.38

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$376.20	$370.40	$368.58	41.8	41.9	41.6	$ 9.00	$ 8.84	$ 8.86
Durable Goods	388.96	385.14	385.12	41.6	42.0	41.5	9.35	9.17	9.28
Nondurable Goods	347.28	340.25	330.72	42.3	41.8	41.6	8.21	8.14	7.95
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.76	477.83	460.51	44.3	43.4	42.6	10.92	11.01	10.81
Durable Goods	436.63	424.45	394.37	44.6	43.4	41.6	9.79	9.78	9.48
Nondurable Goods	549.12	547.31	545.24	44.0	43.3	43.9	12.48	12.64	12.42
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	279.86	278.36	276.30	41.4	41.3	41.8	6.76	6.74	6.61
Durable Goods	301.98	298.75	299.33	42.0	41.9	42.1	7.19	7.13	7.11
Nondurable Goods	256.00	255.15	252.54	40.7	40.5	41.4	6.29	6.30	6.10

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

a halt and summer help returned to school. Employment declines also occurred in health services, as both hospitals and nursing and personal care facilities lost jobs. Employers in wholesale and retail trade continued to augment their payrolls in September. The major increases were in food stores and in general merchandise stores, which benefitted from back-to-school buying. Seasonal influences pushed employment down in building materials and garden supplies and among automotive dealers and service stations over the month, and apparel and accessory stores also lost jobs.

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Small downturns were reported in finance, insurance and real estate as business decreased among insurance agents and brokers and banking activity dropped slightly. A small increase in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector was not sufficient to offset these losses.

Moderate declines were common among the major components of transportation and public utilities, as transportation reflected the only over-the-month increase. Transportation by air, which recorded a small upward trend in September, has lost 1,700 jobs since September 1983.

The two industries which recorded the largest drops in employment in September were mining and construction. The oil and gas extraction portion of mining was responsible for all of the 1,200 decrease, but the losses did not occur in the drilling sector. The declines were in the management sector, as several companies were merged with larger corporations and reorganized, deleting jobs which were considered redundant under the new structure. Construction employment suffered its largest decline in several months, as 5,800 jobs were lost over the month. Inclement weather and the conclusion of some large projects were partially responsible for the decrease. The release of summer workers who returned to school also contributed to the drop.

HOURS, EARNINGS RISE

There were 5,335,300 manufacturing production workers in Texas at mid-September, an increase of 22,800 from the August level. At mid-September, the average production worker was earning $9.17 an hour for a 41.9 hour week, and averaging $384.22 per week. Average hourly earnings rose 5¢ over the month, while hours worked increased by 0.1 hour, pushing average weekly earnings up by $3.00. Although hourly wages were up in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors, the nondurable portion was responsible for the upward movement in hours worked, as industries such as petroleum refining reported additional overtime worked in September.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1984	Sep. 1983
Total Population	16,401,000	15,928,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	2.3
UI Covered Employers	304,741	293,445
Total Claims Actions	368,084	582,428
Total Initial Claims Actions	53,329	63,953
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	314,755	518,475
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$133.14	$134.17
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$38,830,719	$69,235,678
Total Placements	45,130	41,976

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.